

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please amend the first paragraph of page 14 as follows:

Fig. 6 is a block diagram illustrating a network 600 which is substantially analogous to that shown in Fig. 5, but shows a more specific implementation of sub-stream management devices 530 and 540. As before, network 600 includes fiber-optic system(s) 150 that allow communications between network elements 610 and 620. In network 600, sub-stream management devices 530 and 540 are implemented as super-channel framing and management devices 630 and 640, which have access to and control over the super-channel. Such super-channel framing and management devices are discussed in detail in the Provisional Patent Application No. 60/270,444 entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WAVELENGTH CONCATENATED CHANNEL FRAMING," as previously included by reference herein. The aggregate collection of N sub-channels supportive of a high-speed datastream such as high-speed datastream 204 or 206 is referred to herein as a "super-channel."